

## **ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION**

A gaming system and method is provided for purchasing lottery tickets and tracking the results therefor over the Internet. End users can purchase lottery tickets of different states online. The lottery tickets are electronically tracked (win or lose) whose results are forwarded to the purchasers via the Internet, e.g., by electronic mail (e-mail) or posting the results on a designated website. Virtual groups (in the form of chat rooms) are formed online. Members of the virtual groups can access the chat rooms using an Internet service provider to purchase lottery tickets and check the results.

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